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Memo/re: Guy Bannister.

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According to Mrs Phillip DeGidio of Minneapolis Minn, Bannister arrived in Mpls in 1953. While in Mpls, Bannister lived in the suburb of St Louis Park. One address was on Edgewood Av, 3(3106 Or 8) A later one was on West lake st, near Knollwood shopping center.

Bannister worked as SAIC of the Mpls <sup>FBI office</sup> until he was transferred to Chicago in 1955 (Mrs DeGidio's recall)... The agent who replaced Bannister in ~~the~~ Mpls was Cal Howard (now believed to live in Houston Texas)... When Bannister transferred to Chicago his wife remained in Mpls several months before joining him there. While he was head of the Chicago FBI office, they lived at 427 South Scoville Av. Oak park, Illinois. (apartment building). (The above address was copied from a letter sent to the DeGidio residence from Bannister's wife (Mary). Mrs DeGidio mentioned that the Mpls FBI used or borrowed cars from her husband on a regular basis for undercover work. (Phillip DeGidio is a Lincoln-Mercury dealer) ... The DeGidio's visited Guy Bannister and his wife in New Orleans at the Bannister residence, ... 122 Willow St. Monroe, La. (phone no 387-0562) during the Xmas-New years season of 1961 and 1962. While at a New years eve party with Bannister and his wife, Mrs DeGidio recalls that Bannister was called away during the party by some latin appearing types who left the party with Bannister. Mrs Bannister was said to be upset about his leaving. At that time Bannister owned a silver Mercury sedan. Mrs DeGidio had sparse contact with the Bannister family after the assassination.

After Bannisters death she recalls that Mary Bannister told her that Bannister began to drink heavily <sup>after assassination</sup> and was very "Jumpy and nervous". Mary Bannister is thought to have remarried. The DeGidio's were told by ex-agent <sup>Cal Howard,</sup> that she is no longer alive. (not confirmed).

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The Bannister's also had a daughter who is thought to be in her mid-thirties, and living in New York city. The last letter Mrs DeGidio recalls receiving from Mary Bannister is postmarked "August 4-69.

The letter does not refer to the Garrison investigation, and is social in content. The only mention of Guy Bannister made in it refers to the fact that Mrs Bannister is getting along well on the pension left by her husband. According to Mrs DeGidio, Bannister was a vocal defender of J. Edgar Hoover in private conversation, and was sometimes ridiculed by other agents for his strait-laced attitudes. She mentioned that <sup>he</sup> ~~was~~ said to have written a number of letters to Hoover, complaining about the morals of other agents.

While Bannister lived in Mpls his social contacts included some Nite-club owners such as Harry Clark who owned a bar called "Bradys" and (according to Mrs DeGidio) had business interests on the Cuban "Isle of Pines". Other names mentioned in connection with Bannister were, Glen Leonard of the "Gay 90's Bar" (Phone no-FE5-3366) (see WC exhibit 5202) (The Gay 90's number is in Rubys memo pad) Another Bannister acquaintance in connection with these men was Jack Baker. (I know nothing of him)...Mrs DeGidio thinks he was a pilot Bannister knew in Chicago. She thought he resembled a photo of David Ferrie. (the one with what appears to be his own hair) (same photo as is printed in Cover Up, by Shaw and Harris.) (page 93)...Mrs DeGidio had the impression that Jack Baker was with Bannister at a restaurant in Chicago at a dinner with the DeGidio's. She thought that Baker had at one time accompanied Bannister to the "Isle of Pines", but said it was only an impression.

\* Of the Night-club owners mentioned on this page;..All are or were at least, loosely connected to the Isadore ("kid Cann") Blumenfeld syndicate. (see "Lansky" by Hank Messick) (ALSO. MPLS. STAR-TRIBUNE CLIPPING FILE ON "KID CANN".)